

'Little Shop of Horrors' opens at Lew-Port



The Lewiston-Porter High School Music Department presents the musical "Little Shop of Horrors," with four performances on stage next weekend in the high school auditorium.

High school orchestra teacher Kevin Duncan said "Little Shop" ran off-Broadway in the 1980s and went on to become a hit movie featuring Rick Moranis and Steve Martin.

"A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, 'Little Shop Of Horrors' has devoured the hearts of theatergoers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's 'The Little Mermaid,' 'Beauty and the Beast,' and 'Aladdin') are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world," he said.

In this production, meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down-and-out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it blood. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out-of-this-world origins and intent toward global domination.

"The Lew-Port cast is so excited to return to live theater after a year off," Duncan said.

"New this year, the production features two casts, allowing more students to shine in leading roles.

"Memorable tunes, great student talent, and an evil dentist too! Join us!"

Performance times are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. For more information or for tickets, call 716-286-7262. While family-friendly, "Little Shop" may not be suitable for some children under 10.

(Submitted photos)

NFP's famous 'Best Fish Fry' contest returns

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contest, vote for the restaurant serving your favorite fish fry. The eatery with the most votes will be featured in The Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel and Island Dispatch, with additional content posted at www.wnypapers.com.

Voting is now underway. It will conclude Sunday, April 3. Vote and find rules online; or fill out an entry form found in one of our newspapers in coming weeks. Send the entry back to NFP at

1859 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

When you cast a vote telling us which restaurant offers the freshest catches served in the tastiest batter, you'll be entered to win a fish fry for two, or a general food gift certificate, courtesy of an area restaurant.

One winner will be selected each week by random draw and notified by phone or email.

Good luck, and happy eating!

HAL welcomes back Douglas DeCroix

The Historical Association of Lewiston's next program, "Full Circle: The Amazing Journey of the Buffalo Heritage Carousel," will be presented by Douglas DeCroix at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah Fellowship Hall, 915 Oneida St.

HAL stated, "The idiomatic phrase, 'What goes around comes around' is often used to warn of an impending comeuppance for one's transgressions. But in the case of the Buffalo Heritage Carousel, which opened to much fanfare over Memorial Day weekend of this past year, the application is quite literal. Constructed in the 1920s in North Tonawanda, the amusement ride entertained countless riders, weathered both storms and storage, and has now returned home to take its place as one of the latest jewels in the region's revitalization.

"Its incarnation resulted from a combination of vision and craftsmanship. And nearly a century later, new visionaries and craftspeople have preserved this

remarkable artifact as part of a multifaceted initiative that has ensured its ability to entertain and educate for years to come."

The adventures surrounding this unique regional artifact will provide the focus for historian DeCroix's latest presentation. In his program, the speaker will share details about the amusement ride's history, as well as the effort to restore it back in Western New York.

A familiar presenter to HAL members, DeCroix currently serves as the executive director of Western New York Heritage Inc., the not-for-profit publisher of Western New York Heritage magazine. He holds degrees in history from the University of Illinois and Miami University of Ohio, and achieved doctoral candidacy status at Bowling Green State University.

A native of Chicago, DeCroix came to Western New York in the early 1990s. Since then, he has made contributions to numerous nationally aired historical documentaries produced by WNED-

TV and The History Channel. He oversaw production of the three-volume commemorative series on the War of 1812, published by Western New York Heritage, and was one of the scholars selected to contribute a chapter for the "Routledge Handbook of the War of 1812," published by the Taylor & Francis Group in late 2015. For his contributions to regional history, DeCroix was selected to receive the prestigious Owen B. Augspurger Award by the Buffalo History Museum in October 2015.

HAL stated, "He continues to collaborate with a variety of cultural and educational organizations, working to celebrate the region's rich history while seeking creative ways of bringing that history into the classroom and into the lives of the region's inhabitants."

This community event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Masks may be required. Hand sanitizer will be available.

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